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**UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION**  
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Sir:

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Enclosed are:

- [ X ] Specification, Claim(s), and Abstract (35 pages).
- [ X ] Formal drawings (8 sheets, Figures 1-8).
- [ X ] Declaration and Power of Attorney (4 pages).
- [ X ] Assignment of the invention to NISSAN MOTOR CO., LTD.
- [ X ] Assignment Recordation Cover Sheet.
- [ X ] Information Disclosure Statement.
- [ X ] Form PTO/SB/08 with copies of 3 listed reference(s).

☒ Application Data Sheet (37 CFR 1.76).

☒ Claim for Convention Priority with 1 certified Japanese priority document.

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